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SUBJECT: BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS

REF: A. BONN 16878, B. VIENNA 9130, C. BONN 16418,
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1. WE SHARE EMBASSY VIENNA'S CONCERN (REF B)
OVER WITHDRAWING RIGHTS FOR BERLIN FROM ORIGI-
NAL GRANTEES (SAS AND AUA) IN 1975 TO GIVE SE-
COND TEAM (KLM AND THY) A CHANCE TO TRY THEIR
LUCK WITH GDR. IT MAY BE THAT "THE EXPERIENCE
SHOULD BE MORE BROADLY SHARED," BUT THE SCANDINAVIANS
ARE NOT LIKELY TO TAKE KINDLY TO SITUATION WHERE
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THEY HAVE SPENT SOME TIME AND EFFORT IN BRUSING

THEMSELVES AGAINST GDR STONE WALL ONLY TO HAVE TO GIVE WAY TO OTHERS WHO MIGHT, JUST POSSIBLY, REAP THE GAINS. WE THINK SCANDINAVIANS WOULD FIND MORE ATTRACTIVE EMBASSY VIENNA'S IDEA (PARA 3 REF B) OF LETTING FOUR AIRLINES COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS WITHIN SAME TIME FRAME, WITH OR WITHOUT AN AUTOMATIC LAPSE OF RIGHTS FOR THE OTHER THREE SHOULD ONE OBTAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS.

2. CAREFUL STRUCTURING OF OUR APPROACH TO SCANDINAVIANS ON THIS ISSUE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS ON AVIATION BILATERALS. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR BERLIN OBJECTIVES AND OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATO ALLIES, WE SHOULD AVOID IMPRESSION OF UNFAIRNESS ON THIS ISSUE TO MINIMIZE OBDURATE TACTICS BY SCANDINAVIANS IN BILATERALS. COST TO US WOULD BE LITTLE, PERHAPS NOTHING, IN VIEW OF FUNDAMENTALLY NEGATIVE POSITION OF GDR ON OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO ANYONE.

3. ANOTHER CONSIDERATION COULD BE EFFECT WITHDRAWAL OF BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS WOULD HAVE ON DANISH POSITION REGARDING EVENTUAL PANAM COPENHAGEN-BERLIN FLIGHTS.

IT IS LIKELY THAT DANES WOULD TRY TO FRUSTRATE ANY FUTURE PANAM ONWARD FLIGHTS TO BERLIN IF SAS WERE, IN THEIR VIEW, CAVALIERLY TREATED BY ALLIES ON BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS.

4. STATE 237934 JUST RECEIVED, WHICH APPROVES TEXTS OF NOTES TO AUSTRIANS AND DANES. WE NONE-THELESS HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE OUR CONCERNS, OUTLINED ABOVE, FULL CONSIDERATION. WE NOTE THAT PARA 2, STATE 237934 PROPOSES POSTPONEMENT OF DELIVERY OF NOTES "TO DTUCH AND AUSTRIANS UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 15." WE ASSUME DANES, NOT DUTCH, INTENDED.
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